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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH, 1936.

Mr. Chairman,

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Rural District of Bridport for the year 1936.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Acreage (1931 Census) 32,150 Population 6904.

THE BIRTH RATE.

Live Births—Legitimate 72 ; 40 M ; 32 F
 Illegitimate—4 ; 2 M ; 2 F
 Total—76.
 Birthrate—(1935-6 8·3) 11·009.
 Birthrate—England and Wales, 14·8. (1935 14·7)

Still Births—Legitimate—4 ; 2 M ; 2 F

THE DEATH RATE.

Deaths—98 ; M 51 ; F 47.
 Deathrate—(1935, 10·8) 14·19.
 Deathrate—England and Wales (1935 11·8) 1936 12·1.
 The areal comparability factor is ·74.

Deaths from puerperal causes 0

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births (6 infants) 78·94.
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000 live births (5 infants) 69·44
 Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 live births (1 infant) 250·00

Deaths from Cancer	...	...	(all ages) 12	Tuberculosis (resp.) 4
„ „ Measles	...	...	(all ages) Nil	Senile Decay 9
„ „ Whooping Cough	...	...	(all ages) 1	
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	Nil	
„ „ Heart Diseases...	...	...	26	

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

No. of Persons on Register at end of 1936	...	...	...	153
No. of Dairy Farms and other Dairy Premises on Register at end of 1936	...	...	...	153
No. of Dairy Farms inspected during 1936	...	...	...	117
No. of Inspections during 1936	...	...	...	117
No. of Notices served ... 3	No. complied with ... 3			
No. of Milkshops inspected during 1936 ... Nil.	No. of Inspections ... Nil			
No. of Notices served ...	... Nil. No. complied with ... Nil			

MEAT INSPECTION.

No. of visits to Slaughter Houses	...	149
„ Beef Carcases Inspected	...	105
„ Veal „ „	...	17
„ Pork „ „	...	360
„ Mutton „ „	...	287

Total No. of Carcases ... 769

MEAT CONDEMNED.

a.—Whole carcase and offal condemned. b.—Offal or part of carcase condemned.

Disease or Defect.	Beef.		Veal.		Pork.		Mutton.	
	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b
Tuberculosis ...	7	20		1	6	31		
Pericarditis ...						1		
Pleurisy ...						1		2
Decomposition ...								1
Distomatosis ...		3						3
Cysticercus Tenuicollis ...						1		2
Echinoccus ...		1				2		
Oedema ...					1			
Immaturity ...			1				1	
Angioma ...		1						
Fevered ...			2		2		1	
Abscess ...		1				5		70
Chimosis ...		4				1		
Bruising ...		1						
Swine Erysipelas ...					1			

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

No. of Informal Notices ...	11	No. of Inspections ...	568
No. of Statutory Notices ...	7	No. Complied with ...	11
		No. Complied with ...	4

WATER SUPPLY.

New Supplies.—Bradpole :—In this parish the water supplies have not been in an acceptable state, and it was decided to obtain a satisfactory supply for the Village. The Bridport Water Works Company who have statutory powers in the the parish, agreed to extend their mains through part of the village. This has been commenced.

Charmouth.—During the year a start was made in laying the new water main. A new method of filtration has been employed which has improved the quality of the supply.

Puncknowle.—During the year a scheme was prepared to provide a piped supply in the village, but although some of the villagers have to walk half-a-mile to this present supply, the cost of this to the smaller cottages would have been only 4/- a year, the scheme has not met with approval by the parish, mainly on account of its cost.

Proposed Supplies.

Bradpole.—New water mains being laid by the Bridport Water Works Company.

Charmouth.—Plans are projected for improving and increasing the present supply.

Puncknowle.—Improvements in the protection of the present supply are in hand.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Charmouth. New combined sewer has been laid to replace old stone drain. It is intended to connect this sewer to a purification plant in 1937. This will, when completed, abate the deficiencies which exist in the form of open ditch sewers.

Area generally. The undesirable contamination of streams and surface water drains has been carefully watched and necessary action taken.

All new drainage in the district is hydraulically tested.

HOUSING.

The Housing Conditions are generally fair, but in many cases the necessary repair work is long overdue. Advantage should be taken of the grants afforded in the Housing Rural Workers Act, providing grants of two-thirds and loan of all balance for the necessary repairs which would without outlay of capital, in the great majority of these cases turn them into acceptable houses and save them from the more drastic action which the Housing Acts compel.

A large amount of new building is taking place in this district as the 146 plans submitted and 539 visits of inspection (re Building Bye-laws) show.

Total number of new houses erected during year	...	...	30
Number erected with State Assistance	...	...	8 commenced
By other bodies or persons	...	...	Nil

Unfit.

Number of dwelling-houses inspected and recorded	...	...	187
Number unfit for habitation	...	...	8
Number not in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	...	...	4

Remedied by Informal Action.

Number of houses rendered fit after informal notices	4
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Statutory Action (under various Acts)

Number of dwelling-houses as to which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	9
Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	9
Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	36½
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	3
Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	13
Number of Houses owned by Local Authority	...	...	72
Approximate Number of working class houses in the district	...	...	1,550
Number of houses erected for re-housing purposes	...	...	8 commenced

FOOD AND DRUGS.

The following is a list of samples taken during the year :—

Article	No. of Samples.	Genuine	Article	No. of Samples	Genuine
Baking Powder	... 1	Yes	Mixed Spice	... 1	Yes
Brandy	... 1	"	Oatmeal	... 1	"
Cheese	... 1	"	Pearl Barley	... 1	"
Condensed Milk	... 2	"	Potted Fish	... 1	"
Custard Powder	... 1	"	Potted Meat	... 1	"
Gin	... 1	"	Rice	... 1	"
Glycerine	... 1	"	Rum	... 2	"
Lard	... 1	"	Sago	... 1	"
Magnesia	... 1	"	Sausages	... 1	"
Marmalade	... 1	"	Stout	... 2	"
Milk	... 1	"	Sugar, White	... 2	"
Tinned Fruit	... 1	"	Tinned Salmon	... 1	"

We are, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servants,

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June, 1937.

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